

CONSULTATION TEMPLATE RESPONSE FROM LEICESTERSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL:

ECOLOGY AND BIODIVERSITY PLANNING ADVICE

COUNTY, DISTRICT OR BOROUGH	Hinckley and Bosworth Borough Council	
APPLICATION NUMBER	24/01017/HOU	
ADDRESS	Lyndale Lindridge Lane Desford Leicester Leicestershire LE9 9GN	
DESCRIPTION OF DEVELOPMENT	Two storey and single storey rear extension	
PLANNING CASE OFFICER	Sophie Iliffe	
DEPARTMENT	Ecology	
PLANNING ECOLOGY OFFICER	Jemma Bett	
DATE OF COMMENTS	11 September 2025	
ECOLOGICAL DOCUMENTS REVIEWED:		
• Preliminary Bat Roost Assessment Report - Elton Ecology (July 2025) • Roof, Block & Location Plans - Dwg No. 03 - Rev A (Aug 2025) • Proposed Floor Plans & Elevations - Dwg No. 02 - Rev B (Aug 2025)		
SUMMARY RECOMMENDATION:		
No comment		
No objection (for recommended conditions or informatives- see below)		
Recommend Refusal		
Holding Objection - Further information required		✓
REASON FOR RECOMMENDATION:		
• To note, the previous report identified an occasionally used day roost of a single soprano pipistrelle. The revised plans have been viewed and shows the location of a bat box on the onsite trees. This covers the surveys requirement regarding the compensatory bat box to translocate any bats found. • However, as mentioned in our previous response (Aug 2025) and Table 9 of the survey report, to provide a permanent replacement roost to compensate for the lost roost, an integrated bat box should be included in the proposal. This should include at least one (but is not limited to) woodcrete/integrated bat box on the proposed new build. The features should be as close as practicable to the roost identified to act as a replacement roost. • The bat boxes need to be shown on all relevant submitted plans, including the make/model and their locations.		
ANY RECOMMENDED CONDITIONS TO BE APPLIED:		
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ANY RECOMMENDED INFORMATIVES TO BE APPLIED:	
- As advised in the report, a Bat Low Impact Class Licence (BLICL) is required, and any destructive works should be undertaken under the BLICL. - Nesting birds are protected under the Wildlife & Countryside Act 1981 (as amended); therefore, building demolition and significant alteration should take place outside the breeding season (March to August inclusive) unless carefully checked beforehand by a suitably qualified person.	
IN THE CASE OF DISCHARGE OF CONDITIONS ONLY:	
(Please confirm which condition(s) is/are being discharged)	
BIODIVERSITY NET GAIN (BNG) SECTION	
HAVE MINIMUM NATIONAL INFORMATION REQUIREMENTS BEEN PROVIDED (PPG paragraph 11):	
Confirmation that development is subject to statutory biodiversity gain condition	Y/N
Pre-development Habitat Plan of existing onsite habitat (to scale)	Y/N
Pre-development Habitat Value (on date of application or earlier)	Y/N
Completed Metric Calculation Tool	Y/N
Statement of Habitat Degradation where present (with dates and details)	Y/N
Reason for proposing an earlier date if applicable (ie. degradation)	Y/N
Description of Irreplaceable Habitat where present	Y/N
SMALL SITES METRIC ONLY: "Competent person" information (ie. qualifications, skills, experience)	Y/N
BNG METRIC INFORMATION missing or incorrect:	
Incomplete or incorrect cells are shown in metric (eg. habitat quantity, type or condition, strategic significance)	Y/N
ON-SITE AND OFF-SITE PROPOSALS PRESENT:	
These should be secured and monitored for 30 years	
Applicant-owned <u>significant onsite</u> BNG is proposed	Y/N
Off-site BNG is proposed (eg. BNG units provided to achieve 10% BNG uplift either on applicant-owned land, purchased units or statutory credits)	Y/N
PLEASE NOTE: this is indicative only , confirmed at Biodiversity Gain Plan condition stage	
TYPE OF SIGNIFICANT ON-SITE HABITAT PROPOSED: (using the current government definition ¹)	
Medium or High Distinctiveness	Y/N
Large number of units at Low Distinctiveness	Y/N
Significant increase in Distinctiveness, Condition or Area	Y/N

Note for applicants: Please be aware that this advice is provided to the Local Planning Authority through a Service Level Agreement between the Local Planning Authority and Leicestershire County Council Ecology Team. Its purpose is to discharge the legal duties of the determining

¹ <https://www.gov.uk/guidance/make-on-site-biodiversity-gains-as-a-developer#significant-on-site-enhancements>

authority under The Local Authorities (Functions and Responsibilities) Regulations (2000), Regulations 4.

If you have any queries about the content, please correspond directly with the Planning Officer assigned to the planning application or discharge of condition application. We are unable to respond directly to applicant enquiries regarding the advice that we have provided to the determining authority.

The following legislation is used to assist in the assessment of planning applications:

Legislation source	Reference
National Planning Policy Framework	Paragraphs relevant to biodiversity, biodiversity net gain, ecological connectivity and protected species
Environment Act 2021	Mandatory Net Gain Biodiversity Duty Local Nature Recovery Strategy
District or Borough Local Plan and supporting SPD's	Local Plan policy
ODPM circular 06/2005: Biodiversity and Geological Conservation	Requirement for species survey work and mitigation recommendations to be carried out prior to the determination of a planning application. Paras. 98 and 99
NERC Act 2006	Biodiversity Duty (see also Environment Act 2021) Section 41, habitats and species of Principal Importance (previously BAP)
Various International, European and National laws in relation to the protection of species and habitats	International and national site protection: Ramsar sites (from Ramsar Convention), Habitat and Birds Directives (Natura 2000 sites include SAC's and SPA's), SSSI's, National Nature Reserves, Local Wildlife Sites, Local Nature Reserves. Habitats and Species protection: Habitat and Species Regulations (protected sites and species). Wildlife and Countryside Act 1981 (as amended including special Schedule 1), Natural England Standing Advice. Badger Act.

